

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Shasta Strategic Investment Fund LLC, et al., NO. C 04-04264 JW  
\_\_\_\_\_/ NO. C 04-04310 JW  
Princeton Strategic Investment Fund LLC, NO. C 04-04309 JW  
\_\_\_\_\_/ NO. C 04-04398 JW  
Belford Strategic Investment Fund LLC, NO. C 04-04399 JW  
\_\_\_\_\_/ NO. C 04-04964 JW  
Sanford Strategic Investment Fund LLC, NO. C 05-01123 JW  
\_\_\_\_\_/ NO. C 05-02835 JW  
Olympus Strategic Investment Fund LLC, et al., NO. C 05-03887 JW  
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**ORDER VACATING CASE  
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE;  
SETTING SCHEDULE**

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Sixty-Three Strategic Investment Funds, et al.,  
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Twenty-Two Strategic Investment Funds, et al.,  
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Twenty-Two Strategic Investment Funds, et al.,  
Petitioners,  
v.  
United States of America,  
Respondent.  
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These nine related cases are scheduled for a Case Management Conference on July 11, 2011. On July 1, 2011, the parties filed a Joint Case Management Statement in the Lead Case, No. C 04-04264 JW.<sup>1</sup> In the Statement, the government contends that it is preparing to file a Motion for Summary Judgment in one of the Related Cases<sup>2</sup> based upon the doctrine of collateral estoppel and issue preclusion. (*Id.* at 4.) Further, the government contends that the Court should “stay further discovery” in these cases until after it has ruled on the government’s planned Motion for Summary Judgment, on the ground that the planned Motion “is likely to resolve a number of important issues in these cases.”<sup>3</sup> (*Id.* at 6, 9.) Petitioners oppose the request to stay discovery, contending instead that the cases “should be set on a normal discovery schedule” and that the government “may choose to file summary judgment or other motions when it believes they are ripe.” (*Id.* at 9.)

Because the case has been stayed for a number of years, the Court finds good cause to advance the case by providing the parties with a schedule. There is no reason that the government cannot file its Motion for Summary Judgment in tandem with the case proceeding in its natural course. In addition, summary judgment in one related case may not affect all nine cases. Accordingly, the Court VACATES the July 11 Conference and ORDERS as follows:

#### CASE SCHEDULE

<b>Close of All Discovery (¶ 9)</b>	<b>January 13, 2012</b>
<b>Last Date for Hearing Dispositive Motions (¶ 10)</b> <i>(≈60 days after the Close of All Discovery)</i>	<b>March 12, 2012</b>
<b>Preliminary Pretrial Conference at 11 a.m. (¶ 12)</b> <i>(≈30 days before the Close of All Discovery)</i>	<b>December 12, 2011</b>
<b>Preliminary Pretrial Conference Statements (¶ 11)</b> <i>(Due 10 days before conference)</i>	<b>December 2, 2011</b>

<sup>1</sup> (Joint Case Management Statement in Response to June 9, 2011 Order Setting Case Management Conference, hereafter, “Statement,” Docket Item No. 126 in No. C 04-04264 JW.)

<sup>2</sup> Princeton Strategic Investment Funds, LLC v. United States of America, No. C 04-04310 JW.

<sup>3</sup> The government contends that it will file its planned motion for summary judgment “in time to notice a hearing on the motion under local rules for October 3, 2011, the earliest available hearing date on the Court’s calendar.” (*Id.* at 9.)

None of the dates set in this Order may be changed without an order of the Court made after a motion is filed pursuant to the Civil Local Rules of Court.

**Standing Order to Lodge Printed Copy of "ECF" Papers**

1. In all cases, including cases covered by the Electronic Case Filing System of the Court "ECF," when filing papers in connection with any motion or any pretrial conference, in addition to filing the paper electronically, the filing parties shall lodge with the Clerk's Office a printed copy of the papers, in an envelop clearly marked "Chamber's Copy – Lodged for the Chambers of Judge James Ware." The "Chamber's Copy" envelop must state the case name and case number and be delivered on or before the close of the next court day following the day the papers are filed electronically. See Standing Order Regarding Case Management in Civil Cases.

**Compliance with Discovery Plan and Reference to Magistrate Judge**

2. The parties are ordered to comply with the discovery plan as set forth in the Case Schedule. Any disputes with respect to the implementation of the discovery plan and all disclosure or discovery disputes are referred to the assigned Magistrate Judge. In addition, any disputes pertaining to service or joinder of parties or claims are referred to the assigned Magistrate Judge.

**Document Management During Pretrial Discovery and Electronic Evidence Presentation**

3. This Court has available a digital and video electronic evidence presentation system. Before commencement of pretrial discovery, the parties are ordered to familiarize themselves with the system, and to meet and confer about whether the case will involve voluminous documentary. If so, as the parties identify documentary material which is likely to be used as trial exhibits, the parties are ordered to electronically store these materials in a fashion which will facilitate displaying them electronically during the trial. The parties are reminded that Civil L.R. 30-2(b) requires sequential numbering of exhibits during depositions and that numbering must be maintained for those exhibits throughout the litigation. Each proposed exhibit shall be pre-marked for identification. All exhibits shall be marked with numerals. The parties shall meet and confer on

a division which will avoid duplication (e.g., Plaintiff: 1-99,000; Defendant #1: 100,000-299,999; Defendant #2: 300,000-500,000).

### **Disclosure of Expert Witnesses**

4. Any party wishing to present expert witness testimony with respect to a claim or a defense shall lodge with the Court and serve on all other parties the name, address, qualifications, résumé and a written report which complies with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B) **63 days before close of discovery**. Expert witness disclosure must be made with respect to a person who is either (a) specially retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony pursuant to Fed.R.Evid. 702 or (b) a regular employee or agent or treating physician who may be called to provide expert opinion testimony.

5. The parties are also required to lodge any supplemental reports to which any expert will testify at trial in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B).

6. Any party objecting to the qualifications or proposed testimony of an expert must file, serve and notice a motion to exclude the expert or any portion of the expert's testimony in writing in accordance with Civil Local Rule 7-2, for hearing no later than **42 DAYS AFTER BOTH EXPERT AND REBUTTAL EXPERT DISCLOSURES ON A MONDAY (LAW AND MOTION DAY) at 9:00 a.m.** and preferably before or on the same day as the discovery cutoff date at 9:00 a.m.

### **Rebuttal Expert Witnesses**

7. If the testimony of the expert is intended solely to contradict or rebut opinion testimony on the same subject matter identified by another party, the party proffering a rebuttal expert shall make the disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B), no later than **49 days prior to discovery cutoff**.

### **Limitation on Testimony by Expert Witnesses**

8. Unless the parties enter into a written stipulation otherwise, upon timely objection, an expert witness shall be precluded from testifying about any actions or opinions not disclosed prior to the expert's deposition. This is to ensure that all factual material upon which

expert opinion may be based and all tests and reports are completed prior to the expert deposition. Unless application is made prior to the close of expert discovery, each party will be limited to calling only one expert witness in each discipline involved in the case.

**Close of Discovery**

9. Pursuant to Civil L.R. 26-2, all discovery, including supplemental disclosure, depositions of fact witness and expert witnesses, must be completed on or before the deadline set forth in the Case Schedule above.

**Last date for Hearing Dispositive Motions**

10. The last day for hearing dispositive motions is set forth in the Case Schedule above. Any motions must be noticed in accordance with the Civil Local Rules of this Court.

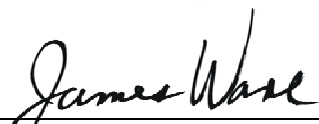
**Preliminary Pretrial and Trial Setting Conference Statement and Proposed Order**

11. The attorneys who will try the case are ordered to confer with one another and to file and lodge with Chambers on or before the deadline set forth in the Case Schedule above a Preliminary Pretrial and Trial Setting Conference Statement and Proposed Order, stating their readiness for trial, the amount of time which the Court should allocate for trial and the calendar period for the trial.

12. The attorneys who will try the case are ordered to appear on the date set in the Case Schedule at 11:00 a.m. for a Preliminary Pretrial and Trial Setting Conference.

13. With respect to the time allocation for trial, at the Preliminary Pretrial and Trial Setting Conference trial counsel will be asked to stipulate to a time allocation to each side for the trial of the case. Once a stipulated allocation has been entered, the parties must plan their presentations to conform to the stipulated time allocation.

Dated: July 5, 2011

  
JAMES WARE  
United States District Chief Judge

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT COPIES OF THIS ORDER HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO:**

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